

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116  
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In re Patent Application of



DIRKS et al

Serial No. 10/772,413

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Title: BONE FIXING DEVICE

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Date: May 17, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

 **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	0	minus highest number	
previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0 x \$50.00
			\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment	0	minus highest number	
previously paid for	3	(at least 3) =	0 x \$200.00
			\$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add

\$360.00 (1203)/\$0.00 (2203) \$

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Two Month Extensions	\$450.00 (1252)/\$0.00 (2252)
Three Month Extensions	\$1020.00 (1253)/\$0.00 (2253)
Four Month Extensions	\$1590.00 (1254)/\$0.00 (2254)
Five Month Extensions	\$2160.00 (1255)/\$1080.00 (2255) \$

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add	\$130.00 (1814)/ \$0.00 (2814) \$
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Applicant claims "small entity" status.  Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee	\$180.00 (1806)	\$	0.00
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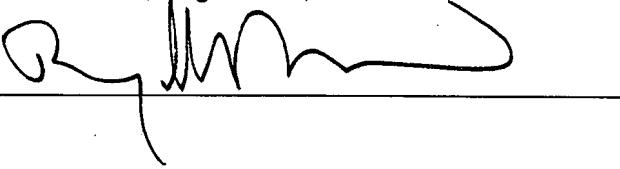
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

The following comments and amendments (if any) are intended to be fully responsive to the "final" Official Action dated March 9, 2007, which set a nominal response due date of June 9, 2007.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121, each section of the subject Amendment (e.g., Claim Amendments, Specification Amendments, Drawing Amendments and Remarks) as may be appropriate to the issues raised in the Official Action to which this paper responds, begins on a separate page. Changes to the original text, claims and the like are shown by striking through language to be deleted and underlining of language to be added.